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Pursuant to 35 USC § 134, 37 CFR § 41.31, and MPEP § 1205, the Applicant in the aboveidentified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated January 26, 2007 at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting claims 1-4, 6-42, 44-59, 61-91. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge IBM's Deposit Account No. 09-X 0461 in the amount \$500.00 for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1). Please first reapply any previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief.

X A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed. \boxtimes Also enclosed: Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, Reasons in Support of Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to IBM's Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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